

My name is Luke Wynn and I am writing this submission to object to the proposed sand mine development at 398 Cabbage Tree Road. I am currently living in England at the beginning of a two year employment contract, I hope that when I return to Williamstown that the landscape has not changed and the proposal has being refused.

This proposed development is right next door to my sister and her family. The proposal is set to be 20 meters from my family's boundary. I have witnessed firsthand the time and energy Rhianna and Cain have put into protecting their home and community. I have seen the stress and the tears and wondered how they have continued to expend so much energy on this project. Its not until you think about the threat to their quality of life and what this proposal really means to them, that you realise why they are fighting for and standing up for what is right. Protecting their environment and home.

I often visit Williamstown and stay on Cabbage Tree Road, I find it a breath of fresh air to be out of Sydney and get outdoors. I probably more than many people know how hard my sister has worked for her dream of owning her 5 acres and having a family. She has been determined to have her horse live with her since she was a teenager. I never understood it, but as we've grown up, I get it and it is so nice to see her happy with her beautiful family.

It is important for me to address my concerns with the proposal as it will have a direct affect on my sister, my brother in law and niece and nephew. All of whom enjoy the outside life and their entire 7 acres. I have carried out some research and I am concerned about the welfare of my sisters family, the threat to the air quality and the potential to affect respiratory health. I am well aware of the years I have had to endure of my sister coughing suffering with asthma and bronchitis. I do not want to see her or anyone else's respiratory issues exacerbated.

I have also witnessed firsthand the contamination issue that has affected the local community with the instigation of the red zone. My initial thought when this news was released was that there is no way that the sand mine will be able to progress now. Rhianna and Cain can relax, how very wrong I was. They have only stepped up further to help and be a voice for the community.

One aspect that I have always liked about their property is enjoying the acreage up the back, exploring with Jackson and having the annual Williamstown winter bonfire, all of which will be negatively impacted if the proposal goes ahead. I haven't seen koala's up there, however having an English background, there is something special about knowing they are nearby. Whenever we had family visit from England, they would also leave with a stuffed koala. How would you explain to visitors if we lose out national icon. We have to act now!!

Before my sister and Cain moved to Williamstown, I didn't even know you could pump up ground water. As you can tell I am more of a city boy, although different Rhianna and I are very close and I very much enjoy visiting Williamstown and what it has to offer. I know that both Rhianna and Cain have placed importance on the ground water to keep their paddocks well covered for feed for the horses. From hearing of the other importance of the ground water as far as Hunter water supply, it would seem crazy to jeopardise it even further.

I have made sure I was informed before making my submission, my other huge concern for my family is the proposed changes to the road and acceleration land ending or going right past my

sisters property. How is this safe on an already busy road, how will my family with three children in the back seat be able to turn in and out of their properties safely?

The whole proposal seems to be unjust and should not proceed, why should the community have to endure a diminished quality of life, devaluation of their assets, see the desecration of their local environment to benefit the lives of a small handful of people. Here's hoping that common sense prevails and the proposal is knocked back. If it is to proceed, I want to see the proposal amended to give adequate buffers to neighbours of 500 meters from their homes.